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Grants & Funding



Federal Brownfields Tax Deduction is Extended and Expanded

On December 20, 2006, President Bush signed the Tax Relief and Health Care Act of 2006, which both lengthened and expanded the federal brownfields income tax deduction. This deduction now covers expenses incurred through December 31, 2007. In addition, expenses for petroleum contamination incurred from December 31, 2005 to December 31, 2007 are now eligible. The previous deduction in section 198 of the IRS code had expired on December 31, 2005. The deduction allows a federal taxpayer to claim qualified remediation costs as deductions in the year incurred, rather than amortizing them out over several years. For more information, please see our web page at dnr.state.wi.us/org/aw/rr/financial/fed_tax.html, which includes an updated fact sheet. If you have questions, please contact Laurie Egge, DNR, at Laurie.Egge@wisconsin.gov or at 608-267-7560.

Fond du Lac Receives Ready for Reuse No-Interest Loan

State Senator Carol Roessler (R-Oshkosh) has issued a news release on the Ready for Reuse brownfield cleanup loan that the RR Program has just awarded to the City of Fond du Lac. Senator Roessler was a chief sponsor of the legislation that allowed the state to accept \$4 million in federal funds to establish Ready for Reuse. Fond du Lac received a \$400,000 no-interest loan to clean up a Main Street property that was occupied by a dry cleaner, welding company, and a church. This prominent corner property will now house the preserved St. Louis Church, a retail building and a Walgreens. Other project funding included tax incremental finance, DNR's Dry Cleaner Environmental Response Program and the developer's funds. Senator Roessler's news release is at www.legis.state.wi.us/senate/sen18/news. For more information about Ready for Reuse, please see our web page at dnr.wi.gov/org/aw/rr/financial/epa_revolvingloan.html.

Drycleaner Environmental Response Program (DERP) Report

The Governor's Council for DERP has completed a five-year report on the current and projected status of this environmental remediation reimbursement program. DERP is industry initiated and funded, with 100% of funding from drycleaner license fees, surcharges on receipts, and solvent sales by suppliers. The five-year report notes that the program is at a critical point, with a shortfall in revenue collected compared to the demand for reimbursement. The report includes the dry cleaning industry's proposed solution to the funding situation. The DERP Report is available at dnr.wi.gov/org/aw/rr/financial/dryclean.html#council.



Legislation & Rules



Chapter NR 140 (Groundwater Quality) Revised

DNR has revised the administrative rule for groundwater quality, chapter NR 140, Wis. Adm. Code. The revisions add new standards for molybdenum, and update (raise) existing standards for butylate, dacthal and naphthalene. The new groundwater enforcement standards (ES) and preventive action limits (PAL) are:

- Molybdenum: ES established at 40 ug/L (micrograms per liter); PAL at 8 ug/L
- Butylate: ES revised from 67 ug/L to 400 ug/L; PAL revised from 6.7 ug/L to 80 ug/L
- Dacthal: ES revised from 4 mg/L to 70 ug/L; PAL revised from 0.8 mg/L to 14 ug/L
- Naphthalene: ES revised from 40 ug/L to 100 ug/L; PAL revised from 8 ug/L to 10 ug/L

The effective date of these revisions is **January 1, 2007**. The rule is available on the web at www.legis.state.wi.us/rsb/code/nr/nr140.pdf. If you have questions, you may contact Bill Phelps, DNR, at William.Phelps@Wisconsin.gov or at 608-267-7619.



Staff Contacts & News



Remediation & Redevelopment (RR) Program Hydrogeologist Vacancy

The RR Program is hiring a hydrogeologist in our Park Falls office to provide geologic and hydrogeologic oversight of the investigation and remediation of contaminated sites. Responsibilities will include review of actions taken to address soil and groundwater contamination from petroleum and other substances, and duties include spill response, brownfield redevelopment, Superfund, abandoned landfills and hazardous waste corrective actions. This recruitment will also be used to fill any additional hydrogeologist vacancies in the next year. For a complete job description and application information, please see dnr.wi.gov/org/aw/rr/general/jobs.htm. For questions about the one year hydrogeologist recruitment, please contact Jackie Kaufmann, DNR at Jackie.Kaufmann@dnr.state.wi.us or at 608-266-9236. For questions regarding the Park Falls position, please contact John Robinson, DNR, at John.Robinson@wisconsin.gov or at 715-365-8976.

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